

GOSPEL NEWS

*The Newsletter for the St. Charles United Methodist and
Dover Community Churches*

January–February 2020



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Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

For many of us this is a wondrous time of year, as we prepare and wait for the Christ Child to be born among us anew. For others though it brings sadness and a sense of loss and can be a difficult time to enjoy. And it seems for many families the emotions and expectations over Christmas pushes some individuals over the edge and disagreements or worse occur.

If you find yourself feeling down or are frustrated due to problems that tend to occur over holidays, please reach out to someone. Many times, just sharing your feelings with someone, even though they probably cannot 'fix' anything, helps and lightens the load. Give a friend a call or plan to meet for coffee. And I am always here willing to listen and share your load. Just give me a call or stop in at my office when I am at the church in St. Charles.

Likewise, if you know someone who you believe may have reason to have some difficulty this time of year, reach out with God's Love to them. Give them a phone call, a quick text, an email, contact them through Facebook – whatever way the two of you normally communicate – and let them know you haven't forgotten them.



Brad and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your unexpected gifts, you are very generous. We also thank you for everything you have done in this sometimes-hectic season. The Hanging of the Greens services at the beginning of December were wonderful as were both Children's Christmas Programs on the 15th. All of these took a lot of effort and it was heartwarming to see how willing everyone was to pitch in and pull these services together.



Two book studies are planned leading up to Easter:

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, by Adam Hamilton

6 weeks on Sundays, 3:00-4:30pm, at the Parsonage starting on January 12th

24 Hours That Changed the World, by Adam Hamilton

7 weeks on Sundays, 3:00-4:30pm, at the Parsonage starting on February 23rd

There are sign-up sheets at both churches, and I will order the books for The Way by January 8th so the books will arrive by the 10th, this will give everyone a couple of days to read the first chapter before the study starts. Also, please let me know if you would like to join either of these book studies but cannot if only held on Sundays. I am very willing to have 2 meeting times each week for book studies.

Grace, love and peace,

Pastor Cyndy



**From the Pulpit – January & February 2020
The Gifts That Just Keep On Giving Series**

January 5th –The Gift of Unexpected Gifts

Isaiah 60:1-6 ☞ Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 ☞ Ephesians 3:1-12 ☞ Matthew 2:1-12

January 12th –The Gift of Committed Community

Isaiah 42:1-9 ☞ Psalm 29 ☞ Acts 10:34-43 ☞ Matthew 3:13-17

January 19th –The Gift of Unbridled Curiosity

Isaiah 49:1-7 ☞ Psalm 40:1-11 ☞ 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ☞ John 1:29-42

January 26th –The Gift of Bold Action

Isaiah 9:1-4 ☞ Psalm 27:1, 4-9 ☞ 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 ☞ Matthew 4:12-23

February 2th –The Gift of Poetic Challenge

Micah 6:1-8 ☞ Psalm 15 ☞ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 ☞ Matthew 5:1-12

February 9th –The Gift of Public Witness

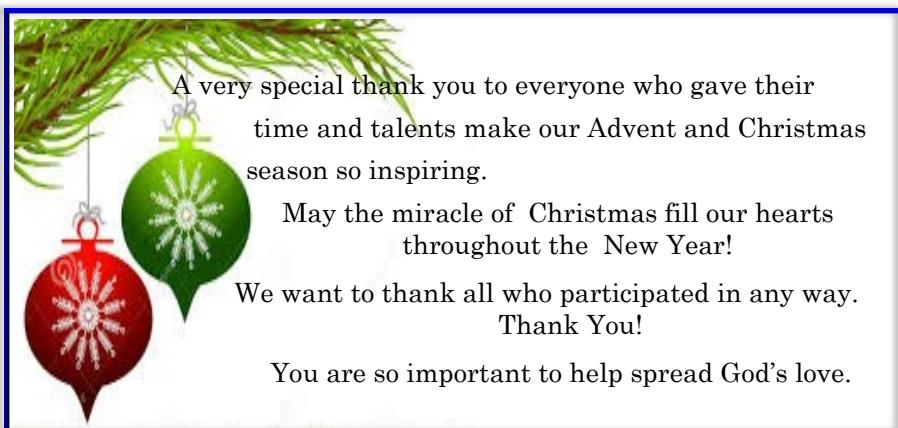
Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12) ☞ Psalm 112:1-10 ☞ 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) ☞ Matthew 5:13-20

February 16th –The Gift of Outrageous Grace

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ☞ Psalm 119:1-8 ☞ 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ☞ Matthew 5:21-37

February 23rd –The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus

Exodus 24:12-18 ☞ Psalm 99 ☞ 2 Peter 1:16-21 ☞ Matthew 17:1-9



St. Charles/Dover UMC Joint Administrative Council Minutes

December 11, 2019

Members present: Allan Fagan, Jon and Teri Arnold, Troy Henry, Jennifer Mitchell, Mickey Badker, Betty Peder-son, Geri Ihrke, Dianna Pulley, Cheryl Hinckley, and Pastor Cyndy

The meeting was called to order.

Pastor's Report:

The annual Charge Conference is Jan. 5, 2020.

Pastor Cyndy distributed a compilation of what forms need to be completed.

The completed forms from years 2017 and 2018 seem to be missing. Pastor Cyndy will continue to try to find them.

Jennifer Mitchell motioned that we update the forms from 2018 to submit in Jan. The motion passed.

When forms are completed, they will be e mailed to the members of the boards to vote by e mail. Allan and Mickey will need to have paper copies.

Worship:

The Christmas Eve worship service will be at St. Charles UMC at 5:30 pm.

Lenten services will be in cooperation with Berea Moravian.

Easter Sunrise Worship will be at Dover CC.

Easter Worship will be at St. Charles UMC, times to be determined later.

Pastor Cyndy will plan Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday services.



Missions:

Jennifer Mitchell reported about "Doc's Recovery House".

This is a facility in Rochester to help people who are or were addicted.

They can use many things, from used furniture to bedding to meals, etc. etc.

Finance: (St. Charles)

Teri Arnold distributed a report of income of November 2019 and income 1/1/109 – 11/30/2-19.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next joint Ad Council Meeting will be March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Pulley

January 1	No Class
January 8	Free will and the Omnipresence of God
January 15	Salvation
January 22	No Class (Pastor Cyndy at Leadership Academy)
January 29	Holy Communion
February 5	Worship /Service
February 12	The General Rules
February 19	The Global Methodist Church
February 26	Ash Wednesday Service at Dover CC



2020 Dover Community Church Officers

Position	Name	Joint
Administrative Council		Staff/Pastor Relations Committee
Chair	Jennifer Mitchell	Co-Chair S Cheryl Hinckley
Recording Secretary	Betty Pedersen	Co-Chair D Mickey Badker
Lay Leader		D Amber Meyers
Financial Secretary	Betty Pedersen	D Casey Flury
Lay Delegate	(Still Needed)	S Jill Butson
Finance Committee Chair	Shelley Wegman	S Jubal Snitker
Trustee Co-Chair	Steve Harvey	Lay Delegate S Peggy Carlson
Trustee Co-Chair	Brian Kieffer	Lay Leader (St. Charles) S Jon Arnold
Membership Committee	Council	Lay Leader (Dover) D
Sunday School Superintendent	Jill Maguuson	
	Melinda Kieffer	
	Jill Harvey	
	Amber Meyers	
Trustees		Committee on Mission Engagements Council
Co-Chair	Steve Harvey	Communion Steward Nancy Kieffer
Co-Chair	Brian Kieffer	Worship
		D Betty Pedersen
		D Geri Ihrke



Winter weather is upon us. When there is inclement weather, be sure to check to see if Worship has been cancelled.

Cancellations can be heard on KTTC TV, KXLT TV and KNXR and KFSI Radio Stations.

We will also send out e-mails to those who we have e-mail addresses. If school is closed or closes early, there will not be activities at the church that evening.

Please be safe this winter!



Keeping our church clean is everyone's job.

When you use an area, please be sure that any food related trash is removed and the area is put back in order as it was when you began.

We need your help..

Please sign up on the clipboard to help keep our church clean.

Thank you.



Thank you for your generous donations to the Hometown Resource Center.

Our "adopt a families" are so grateful for the their gifts.

The St. Charles UMC purchased gifts for 18 children. The Dover Community Church chose to help a family from the Dover area.

While any and all donations are so appreciated, fruit is a vitamin filled food for winter. Let's fill the shelves with canned fruits.

If you would rather, money is a gladly accepted and well used.

2020 St. Charles United Methodist Church Officers

Position	Name		
Administrative Council		Membership Committee	Al Fagan
Chair	Allan Fagan		Barb Traxler
Recording Secretary	Dianna Pulley		Linda Ferguson
Lay Leader	Jon Arnold		
Church Treasurer	Clayton Wiskow	Committee on Finance	
Assistant Treasurer	Lee Carlson	Chair	Lee Carlson
Financial Secretary	Teri Arnold	Financial Secretary	Teri Arnold
Lay Delegate	Peggy Carlson	Assistant Treasurer	Lee Carlson
Finance Committee Chair	Lee Carlson	Trustees	Troy Henry
		Lay Leader	Jon Arnold
Trustee Chair	Troy Henry	Treasurer	Clayton Wiskow
SPPR Co-Chair	Cheryl Hinckley		
SPPR Co-Chair	Mickey Badker		
UMW President	Dianna Pulley	Communion Stewards	Carol Mueske
			Jill Hutsell
Staff/Pastor Relations Committee			Helen Tollefson
Co-Chair S	Cheryl Hinckley		
Co-Chair D	Mickey Badker	Worship Committee	
	Amber Meyers		Marion Decker
	Casey Flury		Rory Ellsworth
	Jubal Snitker		Jon & Teri Arnold
	Jill Butson		Marcie Dabelstein
Lay Delegate S	Peggy Carlson		
Lay Leader S	Jon Arnold	Hamline University Rep	
Lay Leader D		Historian	
Trustees		Prayer Chain	Carol Mueske
Chair	Troy Henry		Dianna Pulley
	Marion Decker		
	Steve Pearson	Missions	Jon Arnold
	Jon Arnold		
	Rick Dabelstein	Lay Visitation Committee	Dianna Pulley
			Al Fagan
Emeritus	Dick Kvam		Deb Fagan
			Carol Mueske
Committee on Lay Leadership	Jill Butson		Jon Arnold
(aka Nominations Committee)	Barb Traxler		Teri Arnold
		SC UMW	
		President	Dianna Pulley
		Secretary	Carol Mueske
		Treasurer	Joan Hoff

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

1	Kerry Sackreiter	St. Charles
	Teigen Henry	St. Charles
3	Kathy Lane	St. Charles
	Hannah Doty	St. Charles
6	Barb Disbrow	St. Charles
7	Jan Campbell	St. Charles
	Kendra Henry	St. Charles
8	Sunshine Ellsworth	St. Charles
	Sandy Ihrke	Dover
9	Nancy Kieffer	Dover
	Ray Literski	Dover
11	Barbara Literski	Dover
12	Wayne & Janis Fix	Dover
13	Phil & Renee Putzier	Dover
	Gary Pederson	Dover
	Carson Mitchell	Dover
	Carson Abel	Dover
14	Marcie Dabelstein	St. Charles
	Dianna Pulley	St. Charles
	Olivia Geertz	St. Charles
15	Jody Tilford	Dover
16	Marge Fix	Dover
	Jeremy & Jill Magnuson	Dover
17	Jubal Snitker	St. Charles
19	Chris Mitchell	Dover
22	Jon Arnold	St. Charles
23	Tessa Ryan	St. Charles
25	Sage Snitker	St. Charles
	Renee Putzier	Dover
26	Glen Dabelstein	St. Charles
	Logan Kahn	Dover
30	Morgan McKee	St. Charles
	Sarah Hinckley	St. Charles
31	Myra McKay	St. Charles
	Vicki Koehler	Dover
	Ron Pulley	St. Charles
	Brenda Rounsville	St. Charles

February

1	Jubal & Stacey Snitker	St. Charles
2	Reid Pulley	St. Charles
	Cheryl Hinckley	St. Charles
4	Tyler Sexton	St. Charles
6	Jay Button	Dover
	Lynlee Boelter	Dover
7	Helen Tollefson	St. Charles
	Robert Ihrke Jr.	Dover
8	Ryan Pulley	St. Charles
	Gordon Ferguson	St. Charles
9	Earl Voss	St. Charles
	Orven Dahl	Dover
	Paul & Marion Evenson	St. Charles
10	Ava Butson	St. Charles
	Nick Butson	St. Charles
11	Marion Evenson	Dover
13	Roger & Barb Traxler	St. Charles
14	Denise Strain	St. Charles
15	Joe Boelter	St. Charles
17	Steve Pearson	Dover
19	Melissa Zamzow	St. Charles
	Tyler Ferson	St. Charles
20	Malissa McKee	Dover
	Mickey Badker	St. Charles
21	April Kvam	Dover
	Jeremy Marshall	St. Charles
	Paul Marshall	St. Charles
24	Charles & Norma Stephans	St. Charles
25	Justin Johnson	St. Charles
26	Alyssa Schafer	St. Charles
	Rick Dabelstein	St. Charles
27	Allan Fagan	St. Charles
	Patti Zingler	St. Charles
28	Brent Fagan	St. Charles



Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts. I am one of many who do the tasks in our churches that need done. I truly enjoy being part of this team. Thank you for your friendship and appreciation. I have used part as a gift to the Dorothy Day House

Dianna

*Please Remember these People
in Your Prayers*



Vicki Marquart
Julie Gettler
Don Behrens

If you know of anyone in the hospital or in need of prayers, visits, or who would like communion brought to them, please contact Pastor Cyndy (952-374-9391).

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 3:30 - 6:00 pm

St. Charles & Dover UMC will be distributing food at St. Charles City Hall.



Volunteers needed!

3:30-4:30 pm Unload, Setup,
Distribute food

4:30 - 6:00 pm Distribute Food & Clean up

Sign up on the clip board during worship



Congratulations to
Addisyn Kieffer
Lux Teed
Ben Charnesky
Lynlee Boelter
Luke Magnuson
of the Dover Community
Church for receiving
their new Bibles.



Thank you

Marcie Dabelstein, Kendra
Henry, Melinda Kieffer,
Jill Magnuson, the
children and all others
who helped with the fun,
wonderful, inspiring
Christmas programs.

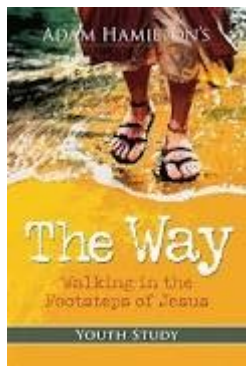


Thank you

Marcie & Rick
Dabelstein,
Marion & Ken Decker,
Rory & Larry Ellsworth,
and Sunshine Pedersen
for hosting the wonderful
ladies Christmas party.



The Way Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



- 6 weeks:
 - 01/12 Baptism and Temptation
 - 01/19 The Healing Ministry
 - 01/26 Proclaiming the Kingdom
 - 02/02 Calming the Storm
 - 02/09 Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor
 - 02/16 The Final Week

Study Group Opportunities

24 Hours That Changed the World

7 weeks:

- 02/23 The Last Supper
- 03/01 The Garden of Gethsemane
- 03/08 Condemned by the Righteous
- 03/15 Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
- 03/22 The Torture and Humiliation of the King
- 03/29 The Crucifixion
- 04/05 Christ the Victor (Palm Sunday)



Study groups will meet at the parsonage from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.





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Dover Community Church Children's Program





St. Charles UMC UMW Ladies' Christmas Party

Delicious food



fellowship



St. Charles UMW Children's Christmas Program



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January—February Worship Schedule

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| 9:00 am | Sunday Worship at St. Charles UMC |
| 10:15 am | Sunday Worship at Dover CC |
| 10:30 am | Sunday School at Dover CC |

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